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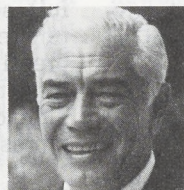
LEHRMAN WINS RE-ELECTION FOR TWO-YEAR TERM



Lehrman



Hornaday



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Root



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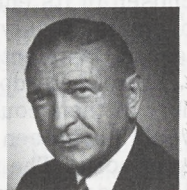
Coe



Fraser



Etter



Korsen



Brennan

Hal Lehrman has been re-elected President of the OPC for a two-year term. Announcement was made at the Annual Meeting April 25.

Lehrman defeated James M. Wessel 458 to 321.

(Complete vote tabulations are carried on page 3.)

Also elected in the worldwide ballot were:

- Vice Presidents — Mary Hornaday, Frank Gervasi and Elmer Lower;

- Secretary — Lin Root;

- Treasurer — James Sheldon;

- Board of Governors, Active — Will Oursler, Lawrence G. Blochman, Henry Gellermann, Hugh Mulligan, Donald G. Coe and Gordon Fraser (Alternates — Gertrude Samuels, Joseph C. Peters, Russell C. Tornabene, Sam Summerlin);

- Board of Governors, Associate — Betty Etter, Stephen E. Korsen for two-year terms, and Jay Brennan for a one-year term. (Alternates — Grace Naismith and H.B. "Min" Miller.)

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BOARD VOTES \$15 ASSESSMENT

The outgoing Board of Governors, at its final monthly meeting April 23 before election of a new Board, unanimously voted an immediate \$15 assessment on all *resident* OPC members, in both Active and Associate categories.

The Board also voted unanimously to recommend that the incoming Board, at its first meeting in May, move to increase dues for all categories of OPC membership.

Board action was taken after a comprehensive discussion of Club finances following a report by Treasurer James H. Sheldon. The immediate assessment was approved "in view of an immediate need for cash" by the Club. It was estimated by Sheldon and the Club's Executive Director, Frank E. O'Rourke, that the assessment would bring in between \$25,000 and \$30,000, a sufficient amount to bolster during the coming months low cash reserves until a dues increase is enacted.

The Treasurer's Report stated that next year the Club will "have to meet an additional expense increase of between \$17,000 and \$18,000 because of another automatic escalation in our union agreement," and that it "is also reasonable to expect continued increases in the cost of all purchases; and in the beginning of 1969 there will be an increase in Social Security payments."

Sheldon also predicted that "we shall close this Club year with a deficit of between \$10,000 and \$11,000, which is about half as large as our average annual deficit (\$20,566) for the past seven years, and is about one-third smaller than the corresponding figure at the close of 1967." Sheldon added that this "encouraging result" was achieved in spite of continually increasing costs, while income consists of relatively fixed items. "Yet," Sheldon said, "for too long our Club has lived under the

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NATIONAL PRESS CLUB RAISES DUES

The National Press Club has increased its dues to meet rising costs. Hereafter, members will pay from \$120 to \$160 per year, instead of the old rate of \$100.

The scale for resident members is: Actives, \$120, Non-Actives \$140 and Associates (both resident and non-resident) \$160.

As President Allan W. Cromley put it in breaking the news to the Club's membership, in the March 28 issue of the NPC *Record*, "it's painful, almost as painful to increase 'taxes' as to pay them."

The Club, like all clubs — press included — faces a time of increasing costs. The new "transfusion" will bring in "at least \$122,000 in additional dues revenue," Cromley said.

WAR AND PEACE

Now that the doctor has extracted that hatchet from my back, I'm burying it. Meanwhile my recovery is being hastened by the clear mandate of the election returns.

A favorable vote of nearly 58% is a mandate in *any* democratic election. Even more significant, the vote on the losing side was cast, not for my opponent (who was unknown), not against the incumbent Administration (which the opposition notably failed to attack), but against me, personally, for alleged crimes and misdemeanors (which were unproved, untrue and plain campaign hokum).

Consequently, as President of the entire Club and not just of the majority, I take the election as an instruction from the *whole* membership to proceed faithfully along the lines charted during the past year. This means my second Administration shall continue trying to:

- Emphasize the "Overseas" aspect of the "Overseas Press Club" (foreign correspondents and foreign affairs, Murrow and Homecoming forums, an expanded Press Freedom committee on a global basis, countrywide paid lecture engagements for returning newsmen, etc.);

- Enhance OPC's image and prestige in the community and nation by making the Club, more and more, the platform for public discussion of world issues by world leaders;

- Develop a *Bulletin* dignified, competent and worthy of a newsmen's club, taking time out when necessary to read important copy (this has been called "censorship") in order to insure accuracy, full coverage and professional style;

- Strengthen the new partnership between OPC and its Foundation, improve (or create) relations between OPC and its Correspondents' Fund,

multiply services for members, make the 40th Street building increasingly a Clubhouse and decreasingly a business operation, and — most of all — seek, find, acquire and move into smaller, cozier, more agreeable quarters. (On the latter point, I earnestly invite action in response to the appeal — see Feb. 3 *Bulletin* — for members to come forward who are expert or have expert contacts at a high level in the fields of tax law, foundation grants or real estate; the appeal produced wide applause but, so far, not one volunteer; as already stated, moving out and moving in cannot be a one-man operation or a one-man decision.)

Major Objective

Your Administration is putting another major objective on its target list: during the two next years to brighten the lustre of the OPC Presidency (the office, not the person) in such a manner that, in future, there will be no lack of top-flight candidates whose employers will be proud to enable them to work full-time as President.

Your recent Nominating Committee, democratically chosen in its entirety by the Board of Governors, vainly looked for a qualified second Presidential candidate this time. There were dozens of possibles: a number of them could have defeated me; I would have been glad to withdraw in favor of some. The reasons for their unwillingness to run were varied: belief that the incumbent Administration should be retained; reluctance to risk being beaten; lack of interest. But, most of all, there was the knowledge that the past year had set a precedent of a hard-working President who had been able to devote nearly full time and thereby had produced solid results; *none* of the leading

possibles *could* afford to take that much time off or expect their organizations to give them the time.

The National Press Club in Washington does not have this problem. Its Presidents emerge by the "ladder method" — through minor offices, systematically, to the top post. Invariably (except in a blue-moon year) there is only *one* Presidential candidate: the incumbent Vice President. *But*, before he accepts the nomination, *he seeks permission from his employer* — because the employer will have to pay full salary during the new President's tenure and get little except institutional prestige in return. Invariably, the employer consents — because the Presidency of the National Press Club is a prestigious office.

It may take more than two years, but we are going to labor so to conduct ourselves that in 1970 OPC will at least be closer to this pattern. Just possibly, there may even be a new candidate for the office who will enhance his career, not jeopardize it, by contending for the highest post which the members of a great Overseas Press Club can bestow.

Pledge and Thanks

In the interim, I pledge to give the office my best effort. I thank all committee chairmen and all committees for good work done, and request them cordially to continue provisionally. There may be a change in personnel here and there, but essentially the same team (strengthened and increased) will carry the ball. I thank the people who voted for me and the friends who campaigned with dignity in my behalf. I thank the Club and every member for the honor of continuing to serve them.

Hal Lehrman
President

WORLD-WIDE TICKER

PRESS CORPS DOWN TO NORMAL SIZE

By DICK ROSENBAUM

SAIGON — The Saigon press corps is now getting back to its normal size of about 400 accredited newsmen following the Tet Offensive high of over 650 correspondents and technicians.

Among recent arrivals in Saigon are Don Baker from ABC New York; George Watson in from ABC Moscow; NBC's **Ken Bernstein**, Bill Theodore and Tom Glennon; CBS Correspondents Hughes

Rudd and Jeff Gralnick; Joe Treaster returning for second tour with the New York Times; **Jeff Williams** joining AP Saigon after being expelled from Indonesia; Michael Goldsmith joins AP Saigon from post as AP Geneva bureau chief; **Hugh Mulligan** back for third tour with AP. New faces at UPI include Jack Walsh, Nat Gibson, Perry Young and Ray Wilkenson.

Two Saigon staffers presently in the

States recuperating from wounds received during the Tet Offensive but planning to return to Saigon are Al Webb, UPI, and Jim Deckard, ABC-TV cameraman.

Recent departures include **Don North**, returning to ABC Washington; **Dick Harris**, exiting ABC Saigon for Bangkok duty; ABC's **Kenneth Gale** returning to the States following eighteen months in Viet Nam. CBS veteran John Laurence has wrapped up his second tour in Viet Nam. New York Timesman Tom Buckley returning to New York, along with UPI's Tom Corpora.

The number of visitors here in Saigon has been cut sharply since the Tet Of-

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Treasurer's Report

The members' meeting also featured a full report by Treasurer **James Sheldon**. Annual reports were submitted by other committees but due to lack of time they were not read in open session.

Sheldon made "an educated guess" that the auditor's final report would show a Club deficit for the year of between \$10,000 and \$11,000, "one-half as large as the annual deficit for the past seven years."

Describing the situation as "nearly solvent," the OPC treasurer cautioned that increases in labor, social security, purchase and tax expenses call "for a realistic increase in Club dues." Pending Board of Governors action on the dues, he noted that they had agreed on "an immediate assessment of \$15 per member." This gives the Club a little longer to decide on a reasonable dues increase, he added.

Sheldon noted that OPC dues "are less than any other press club in existence." He cited the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., which recently increased dues from \$100 to \$160, depending on category of membership. He also said that a \$10,000 deficit when \$800,000 turns over annually "is small in proportion to the total."

He urged closer cooperation between all those involved in Club financing in the future. He suggested that carrying a large deficit from year to year could not continue.

The Treasurer's report aroused lively floor debate.

Committee Data

These are highlights from an informative but recent guests at the "follies" have been ABC News President **Elmer Lower**, AP General Manager **Wes Gallagher**, UPI's Foreign Editor **Jack Fallon**, columnist **Joseph Alsop**, **Sam Jaffe** in from ABC Hong Kong, Roger Peterson from ABC Tokyo, Bernard Kalb in from CBS Hong Kong, CBS Bangkok correspondent **Murray Fromson**, **David Burrington** from NBC west coast and **Bert Quint** from CBS.

Among new bosses in town **Jim Whisenant**, ABC Assistant Bureau Chief taking post vacated by **George Allen**, who is now an ABC field correspondent in Viet Nam.

ENVOYS, OFFICIALS AT FETE FOR BEATON

By JAY AXELBANK

MOSCOW — Among recent visitors to Moscow was Rod Beaton, UPI vice president whose headquarters are in

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plete list of other committee reports received:

The Freedom of Press Committee, reporting on activities of recent months, noted protests cabled to governments concerned in the expulsion of **Tad Szulc**, *The New York Times*, and Roger Stone, *Time*; the harassment of UPI and AP correspondents in Lisbon by the Portuguese government; the expulsion of **Everett Martin**, *Newsweek*, by the South Vietnamese government in January and the detention of Greek publisher **Helen Vlachos** by the Greek government. The "most substantive action" taken during the year, according to the report, concerned creation of a Freedom of Press Committee composed entirely of newsmen and organized on a media-wide and global basis.

The Book Night Committee held a successful Christmas 1967 Book Fair netting \$500 and announced a future highlight event — the appearance of **Roger Hilsman**, former US State Department official, at the OPC May 9 to discuss his new book, *To Move a Nation*.

The Art Committee sponsored "very successful" rotating exhibits borrowed from leading New York galleries during the year.

The Book Publishing Committee reported royalties still coming in from the 1967 OPC book, *How I Got That Story*. The 1968 OPC book, *Heroes For Our Time*, is being edited by **Kenneth Giniger**.

The Bulletin Committee commended editor **Sibby Christensen** for her "professional competence" and "dedication."

The Credit Committee tracked down 25 delinquent members during the last year.

Homecoming Forums featuring **John Hughes**, *Christian Science Monitor*, based in Hong Kong; **George Weller**, *Chicago Daily News*, Middle East and Rome; **Sol Sanders**, *US News and World Report*; **Steve McCormick**, Mutual Broadcasting System, Viet Nam; and **Waverley Root**, Paris, were hailed as big successes.

The Music Committee sponsored musical tributes to the late Nobel Peace Prize winner and civil rights leader **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, the late **Fritz Kreisler** and to **Josef Krips**, Vienna Symphony conductor. The Committee presented the United Nations Singers and members of the Metropolitan Opera Studio.



Samuels



Peters



Tornabene



Summerlin



Naismith



Miller

OPC VOTE TALLY

President

Hal Lehrman 458
James M. Wessel 321

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Mary Hornaday 481
Frank Gervasi 476
Elmer Lower 424
Allan Jackson 398
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Lin Root 409
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Ralph Salazar 121

Lou Frankel 116

Ernest Dunbar 101

Arthur R. McQuiddy 98

***Alternates**

NEW YORK SCENE

Tues., May 7 — Screening, "A Face of War," documentary on the Viet Nam war. 3rd floor, 8 p.m. Allan Jackson will preside.

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Foreign Policy vs. Foreign Reaction

Thurs., May 9 — Book Night, "To Move a Nation" by Roger Hilsman. Cocktails 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:30. \$5.00

A distinguished panel of diplomats and newsmen will cross verbal swords with author Roger Hilsman, whose new book, *To Move a Nation: The Politics of Foreign Policy in the Administration of John F. Kennedy*, is the focus of the last book night of the current season.

Heading the panel, in addition to Hilsman himself, will be Anand Panyarachun, UN Ambassador from Thailand, and Dr. Hsin-Hai Chang of Fairleigh Dickinson University. *Dorothy Gordon* will serve as moderator for the program, which promises to be a lively as well as timely discussion. Completing the panel will be Seth King of *The New York Times*.

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Remembering Wartime London

Fri., May 10 — London Correspondents Reunion. Main speaker: Sir William Haley, now editor-in-chief Encyclopaedia Britannica, formerly World War II editor-in-chief and director general of the British Broadcasting Company. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:45. \$6.50. Member and one guest.



Haley

On the 27th anniversary of the last big Nazi air raid on London, the American correspondents who found out first-hand that "London Can Take It" (to borrow *Quentin Reynolds'* words) will raise a toast — or two — to a gallant ally and a staunch bastion of freedom. Plus London memories by a panel of newsmen who remember the city prewar and postwar as well as wartime. Moderator: *John MacVane*.

Knighted in 1946 for his wartime service with BBC, Sir William Haley joined *The Times* of London in 1952 as editor. Later, he broke a 180-year-old tradition with that newspaper by replacing personal advertisements on its front page with news stories.

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Dinner News from the Tar Heel State

Tues., May 14 — North Carolina Regional Dinner. Cocktails 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:30. \$6.00. Member and one guest.

In addition to bourbon, flowers and food, our North Carolinian hosts are bringing with them for this gala occasion souvenirs and door prizes . . . textiles, of course, consisting of hosiery and linens, and crafts items from the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild and Piedmont Crafts. Everyone will receive a souvenir and there will be copious door prizes, plus free cigarettes. North Carolina's blue and white will dominate the decorations of flags, flowers and posters.

If you missed earlier *Bulletin* announcements, there will be a bounteous menu, dulcimer entertainment and Governor Moore as our honored guest.

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Thurs., May 23 — The New York Daily Column personality evening. Reception for outstanding contributors to New York's new evening paper. Cocktails 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:30. \$6.00.

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All reservations not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged to member's accounts.

EYEWITNES

What's it like under fire in Viet Nam? ABC News cameraman Jim DeSylva, in this vivid account of covering the Tet offensive in Hue, conveys the "feel" of such an experience.

By JAMES DESYLVA

SAIGON — ABC reporter *Don North* had been sitting at the Marine heliport at Phu Bai for almost 48 hours, waiting for two things — his film crew from Saigon and then a ride into Hue, the country's second largest city.

Under seige, Hue was undergoing perhaps its largest battle to date.

Tran Van Kha, the soundman, and I finally arrived in a Marine jeep. It had taken us almost three days to find each other. In Viet Nam, it's considered lucky we made it at all.

After another 30-hour wait and a night in a wet bunker, a CH-46 was scheduled into the battle zone. Because of weight restrictions, the helicopter could take only two of us. So our soundman, Kha, was left behind to make his own way back to Da Nang. Don and I were on our own with the added chore of running the sound gear.

As the helicopter came in low over the city, tracers arched up from the trees below; no hits scored this time. Flying an evasive pattern, the ship sped on, then made a fast descent into the Medevac area.

'Hot' Landing

Touching down hard, the rear cargo door dropped open. Don and I ran down the ramp and on to the helo pad. (We always run from a helicopter; it draws fire. The crews know this too. They don't like to spend any more time than necessary on the ground in a hot zone.) Marines ran onto the ship, and it lifted



DEATH IN THE FIELD: Medics work over a man that would have hit cameraman DeSylva.

NEWS REPORT FROM A BATTLEFIELD IN HUE

into the mist and was gone.

Heavy firing could be heard in the city as opposing troops battled from house to house for control.

Don and I hitched a ride on a Medevac "mule," a small four-wheeled motorized platform. The ride forward to the command post was bumpy and fast. Snipers kept traffic moving at break-neck speed.

The ride had broken our camera. Perhaps a wire came loose, a fuse jarred — any of a hundred things that can make an electrical device inoperable. I worried over this problem as Don went in for a briefing with the commanding officer.

Artillery shells whistled through the air overhead, exploding in a nearby building. Rifles and machine guns barked and chattered along the city walls.

Front Line

North came out of the command post, along with several Marines. They were moving up. I joined them, still trying to find the problem with the camera. Our group moved through a long line of troops, headed for what could now be called the front line.

As the officer in charge led us into a deserted school building, a mortar round came in. The explosion was deafening; the concussion shook the building's foundation as plaster, wood, and bricks showered down on us.

I looked up. The running light on my camera was on. The shattering impact of the explosion had jarred whatever was loose back into service.

After a quick check, North took the microphone and began the story, under fire. We were in business.

Across the courtyard a medium tank rolled up to one of the city gates. Its



ON THE RUN: ABC News' James DeSylva runs across road from city gate during Tet Offensive in Hue. Dark spots on road show where mortar rounds exploded.

heavy 50-caliber machine guns opened up with support fire as a column of Marines ran along the wall to the gate.

I moved across the yard to photograph the battle. Near the gate an explosion erupted with such force that it almost knocked me to the ground. I turned and saw behind me the puff of rising smoke of a mortar round about 20 feet away.

Then a second round came in. As I fell to the ground I could see the shrapnel arching over me. There was a splat in the wall near my shoulder. There, about a foot away, stuck the finned tail of the shell. North screamed for me to run. I grabbed the still-hot fragment in the wall, threw it into my film bag, then ran for the school building as more rounds came in, bracketing me.

Once inside the building, the incoming rounds stopped.

Apparently, the news camera had been mistaken for a weapon and had been fired on. The tail fin in my film bag proved to be from an 82mm Chinese mortar.

As the tank continued to fire, Don and I left the building and joined a passing group of ARVN (Army of the Republic of Viet Nam). They were moving up to join the rear element of Marines now along the wall. Their job was to hold the ground already taken by the Marines in that sector.

After dodging through torn buildings and rubble with the Vietnamese, Don and I were able to join the American troops in the yard of a Buddhist temple. As we arrived they were getting set to move along the wall to the gate where a tank was firing.

A captain started across a clearing, leading his men out. He made it about 15 feet, then went down. He had a sniper's bullet in his thigh. He screamed as his men dragged him back to safety. As they ran in, heavy fire came into the area, enemy tracers pinned the men down.

Suddenly, three North Vietnamese burst out of the Buddhist shrine; AK 47 assault rifles were blazing less than 15 feet away.

Don fell behind a tree. I went to my knees, too encumbered with equipment to move. Between me and the enemy was a radioman. I could see the slugs tearing through his clothes. He turned as if in slow motion, and collapsed. Someone yelled "medic" as his comrades dragged him out of the firing.

A Medevac "mule" ran into the middle of the battle to take out the captain. The radioman was dead already; his comrades' efforts to save him had been in vain. Had he been standing somewhere else, the bullets he stopped would have hit me.

Two Marines charged the small building and threw in a grenade. Silence followed the explosion. Then the enemy fired again. Another grenade, and still the enemy continued to fire. After the third grenade, the firing stopped. Each North Vietnamese had thrown himself in turn on a grenade to allow the remaining men a few moments more to live to fight the Americans.

Another Marine was wounded in the leg during the battle. Another Medevac came in to get him. Don North and I rode to the rear with him.

We had our story and now had to ship it to the States — so that others might see what it's like in Viet Nam.



overing radioman in vain. He had stopped the bullet

Letters

DE-ELECTIONEERIBUS POST MORTEM (Latinists please do not note.)

During the recent elections, as in every OPC election, publication of letters about the campaign or its issues are strictly tabu — in order to avoid a partisan free-for-all. Now the battle smoke is clearing, epistolary steam may safely be blown off. Below is a sampling, old and new. There will be more. The pox continues, of course, on excessive vituperation and outright libel.

Bulletin Committee

'CORPORATE SHEPHERDS'

The great American press association which tried to steamroller the election of one of its own to the Presidency of the OPC ought to re-examine its role.

That loaded dispatch it put out on its wire about the nominations was ill-informed — even distorted — with inaccuracies, editorial prejudice and built-in damage to the entire Club. Then the whole staff (with honorable exceptions) papered the world with synchronized exhortations to bestow the leadership of the OPC on an agency employee who had never worked overseas.

The coup failed, but the memory lingers. Are we a private society of in-

dividual professionals or a flock of company sheep herded by corporate shepherds?

Seymour Freidin
New York

'ONE-PARTY' SYSTEM

I just returned to Moscow from Prague to find the statement of the nominating committee concerning the committee's decision to have only one candidate for the presidency.

In Prague and other East Bloc capitals, the one party-one clique system has fallen into such disrepute that even loyal communists are calling for a return to two-slate elections. I find it extraordinary that while there are signs of progress behind the Iron Curtain, the committee seems to be retrogressing.

Aaron R. Einfrank
Moscow Bureau Chief
Toronto Telegram

CENSORSHIP?

I have received a statement from Matt Bassity and eight other OPCers complaining about censorship of *The Bulletin*.

I am vigorously opposed to all kinds of censorship.

But where were Bassity, Riesel and other indignants a year ago when a letter I wrote to *The Bulletin* denouncing Riesel's action in inviting eight communist Chinese "newspapermen" to visit the United States as guests of the OPC, and announcing my intention of resigning in protest?

The letter was censored in toto. Not a word was printed.

And where were Bassity et al when Edgar Ansel Mowrer wrote a similar letter, which was also censored in toto?

Elmer Roessner
New York

AGAINST HOPE AWARD

I am appalled that an organization with so eminently distinguished a roster of working correspondents can find no better recipient for a "Special Award For His dispatches from Viet Nam" than comedian Bob Hope. With so many genuine working newsmen constantly under-the-gun in Viet Nam, was it really necessary for our journalistic-literary fraternity to bow to the commonplace by buying a Hollywood name?

M.D. Morris
New York

Board (From page 1)

threat that at any moment an emergency might precipitate a really dangerous situation, in view of our continuing low cash reserves."

The Board voted to instruct Sheldon to provide data to Club membership on the need for increased dues, in two issues of *The Bulletin* prior to the next Board meeting.

These actions also were taken at the April 23 meeting:

The Board unanimously voted its gratitude to President Hal Lehrman for his contributions to the Club during his first year of office.

Josef Dine was thanked and congratulated for his leadership as executive vice chairman of the Annual Dinner Committee. There were more than 780 paid admissions to the dinner this year, as compared with 640 in 1967.

William Laurence, chairman of the Admissions Committee, reported that the ratio of Active to Associate members required by the constitution (a majority must be Active) had been restored, and that several applications for Associate membership were pending. The Board voted that an account of the shifting Active-Associate ratio should be submitted every month to the president and the Admissions Committee chairman, to enable the Club to maintain the appropriate ratio. The Board also asked Laurence to inform members, through *The Bulletin*, of the opportunity of qualified Associates to apply for Active membership if they have accrued pertinent experience since their admission. Elmer Lower, chairman of the Radio-TV Committee, reported that the weekly "International Interview" program, a potential source of revenue for the Club, is "still going strong and looking for sponsorship." Subsequent issues of *The Bulletin* will report on this half-hour weekly radio and television program, produced by Sylvia Taylor and involving many OPC members as participants.

By JERRY ROBINSON

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London. Beaton was making his first visit to the Soviet Union on a business trip. Highlight of the visit was a diplomatic reception given at the Hotel Metropole by UPI Moscow Bureau Chief **Henry Shapiro**. Among guests were a host of ambassadors, Soviet press officials and the foreign press corps.

Russell Jones of ABC, who is sta-

tioned in Vienna, has arrived in Moscow to serve temporarily in the absence of George Watson, who recently was assigned temporarily to Viet Nam . . . Anatole Shub of The Washington Post and David Halton of CBS both have returned recently from Prague where they covered the "quiet revolution." . . . UPI's Richard Longworth visited Budapest and Vienna briefly . . . **Edmund**

Stevens, correspondent for Newsday and The London Sunday Times, has returned from Rome where he attended the christening of his granddaughter . . . Also on the move: Bill Brown of NBC, just back from a business trip to West Germany. . . . **John Domberg** has arrived in Moscow to take up his duties as the new Newsweek correspondent. He replaces Robert Korengold, who left to become the magazine's bureau chief in London.

SCHNEIDER WOUNDED

By DICK ROSENBAUM

SAIGON — A freelance cameraman, John Schneider, has been wounded while covering the US Marines near Khe Sanh. The 31-year-old Schneider of Staten Island, New York, is a stringer for CBS News. He has covered the Marines working out of Da Nang for the past eighteen months.

Schneider was wounded during a North Vietnamese mortar barrage on the Marines he was accompanying.

A US Navy hospital official in Da Nang said his wounds included a fractured forearm and minor shrapnel lacerations.

There have been over 130 newsmen wounded covering the Viet Nam war — fifteen since the beginning of the Tet Offensive. Fourteen newsmen have died in Viet Nam, two during the Tet Offensive.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ASSOCIATE

ROBERT J. ABRAMSON — Universal Publishing & Distributing Corp., New York. Proposed by *Arnold E. Abramson*; seconded by *John Fry*.

OLIVER W. BROWN, JR. — Smith Kline and French Laboratories, Philadelphia, Pa. Proposed by *Ann Cutler*; seconded by *Theodore Berland*.

COL. A. JAMES BRUNO — Wyman Publications, Hamden, Connecticut. Proposed by *Harold B. Dow*; seconded by *N.F. Allman*.

TE-CHENG CHIANG — Government Information Office, Republic of China. Proposed by *Elliseva Sayers*; seconded by *Patricia Chapman*.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

By BEULAH HARRIS

ON THE GO: Former OPC president **Cecil Brown**, accompanied by wife, Martha, left April 28 for a four-week information gathering trip to the Far East. He had just completed a survey of TV prospects for Encyclopaedia Britannica . . . **Peter F. Greene**, editorial director of Business Abroad, one of a group of US journalists and businessmen who left April 25 for a 10-day visit to Australia. The trip, organized in conjunction with the US Department of Commerce, has the aim of boosting US exports to Australia . . . **Norman Reader**, marketing editor, Airline Management and Marketing, back from visits to Stockholm, Copenhagen, Rome and Paris where he interviewed heads of European Airlines.

CHECKING IN: **Joseph Sims**, Pan-Am, Brazil, in NY April 24-30.

NEW POSTS: After seven years in Australia as McGraw-Hill World News correspondent, **Shirley Kendrick Barker** and husband, Vic, and family, moved to Fiji where Vic has taken over management of a Suva-based advertising agency, Newson Advertising & Marketing Ltd. Shirley is the South Pacific correspondent for McGraw-Hill World News (excluding Hawaii and Australia). In addition, she has established two new companies: News (South Pacific) Ltd. and South Pacific Area News Service, both based in Suva. Aim is to provide news and editorial services about the South Pacific area, particularly to travel trade journals. Shirley and Vic would be happy to welcome OPC members visiting Suva, providing they give enough notice so the kava bowl can be filled first . . . **Samuel Klein** new executive director of the Men's Tie Foundation.

SPEAKERS: **Clayton Willis** spoke to Queens College of the City of NY on the Viet Nam war which he covered, and to the Hackensack, NJ, Women's Club on the Israel-Arab war which he covered also. He also covered the Charles Evers Mississippi campaign . . . **David Resnick** served as moderator of the panel discussion on PR at the Conference for Effective Management sponsored jointly by the American Society and the NY Society of Association Executives at the Biltmore, NYC, April 17.

RADIO & TV: "Who are the Jews?", filmed in Israel with David Ben Gurion, produced and directed by **David Shefrin** for Westinghouse, aired on Channel 9 April 17 . . . **Jean Baer** discussed her new book "The Single Girl Goes To Town" on Arlene Francis' show April 30 and on NBC's "Monitor" May 5.

ARTICLES: **Ted J. Rakstis'** "Can This Hard-Nose Be Sold On a Corporate Career?" in the Chi-Trib Magazine on April 21, and his "Those Retail Give-away Games" in the April issue of The Kiwanis Magazine . . . Front page story on Viet Nam by **Werner N. Brandis** in April 15 Journal of Commerce: "Plastic Saving Lives in Viet Nam." . . . **Yvonne Beaudry's** "Jean Monnet — Europe's Hyphenator" lead article in the Spring issue of the Michigan Quarterly Review.

BOOKS: **George Fischer**, communications consultant for National Cash Register, author of "Your Career in Computers" published by Meredith Press . . . From Praeger, "The Public Relations Man Abroad" by **Geoffrey Kean**, director of international agency activities, IBM, formerly stationed in Paris.

HONORS: **John Hohenberg** to receive his second Sigma Delta Chi Distinguished Service Award May 4 at the Cape Kennedy-Hilton, for his book "Between Two Worlds: Policy, Press and Public Opinion in Asian-American Relations." His first SDX award was for "Foreign Correspondence, The Great Reporters and Their Times" in 1965 . . . **Malcolm Muir**, honorary chairman of Newsweek, a recipient of Her Majesty the Queen's Award of Honorary Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.) in recognition of his services to Anglo-American friendship and understanding . . .

Chester S. Williams and wife Elizabeth being honored May 8 with 1968 Service Award of the US-Caribbean Aid to Mental Health at its Annual Award Dinner being held at the OPC. The Williams', who are moving to Sarasota, Fla., to develop a rehabilitation center, are being honored for 10 years' volunteer service.

THOUGHTFULNESS: **Marty Gershen** wishes to thank the many OPC members for their condolences on the death of his father, Hyman Gershen.

WEDDING BELLS: **Dennis F. Redmont**, AP Rome, was married April 16 to Maria Manuela de Paixao Magalhaes, a Lisbon schoolteacher, whom he had met while on assignment for AP to that city. (As her name indicates, Maria is a descendant of the early explorer Magellan.) **Bernard S. Redmont**, the groom's father (WBC Paris and OPC Bulletin corres), was among the guests at the wedding performed at Rome's city hall. Dave Mazzarella, AP Rome, was Redmont's witness.

Betty Etter, returning from her trip to Down Under, will resume this column next week.

Ivan Dmitri Dies; Photographer, 68

Photographer **Ivan Dmitri** died April 25 in a New York hospital. He was 68.

Dmitri, whose real name was Levon West (which he used for a successful etching career), founded the Photography in the Fine Arts, a project spearheading photography exhibits in museums, including New York's Metropolitan.



Dmitri

As Ivan Dmitri, he began to specialize in color photography on magazine and commercial assignments around the world. He drew more than 200 *Saturday Evening Post* assignments, including an "Americana Series" and wartime stories. During this time he photographed bases for the Air Transport Command, resulting in a book, *Flight to Everywhere*.

Other volumes included books on photography and etching.

His widow, Louise, and son, Peter, survive.

Veteran Newsman Percy Wood Dead

Former OPCer **Percy Wood** died April 27 in Chicago.

A long-time *Chicago Tribune* staffer, Wood served as the paper's correspondent in various foreign countries. He had drawn assignments in India, Pakistan, Burma, Thailand, Indo-China (now Viet Nam), Malaya (Malaysia) and Saudi Arabia. After returning to the paper's home office in 1954, he wrote foreign affairs and Sunday magazine articles. He conducted the "Remember When?" column as part-time activity after his retirement last year.

His service on *The Tribune* came to about 40 years, with time out for World War II OSS service, as Lieutenant Commander, USN, based in Southeast Asia.

His career began in 1924, when he joined *The Chicago Evening American* as a reporter. He joined *The Tribune* in 1926.

"He was a gallant soul, a superb newspaperman and a man who was extremely popular with his colleagues of the press," his friend, **Robert Sherrod**, wrote this week in notifying *The Bulletin* of Wood's death.

Wood's wife, Kay, survives.